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## CELEBRATION OF ARMISTICE DAY

Cold Weather Kept Many People From Attending The Big Event.

## FLAG PRESENTED TO LEGION

Military Air Prevailed Every Exercise and Entertainment of Entire Day.

Thursday, November 11, Armistice day, was fittingly observed in Alma, in spite of the fact that a cold, raw north wind, a lead colored sky, a low temperature, and snow flurries early in the day kept the crowd down to about one-fourth of the number that had been expected to be in Alma, to join in the day of celebration for a great war won, and a day of consecration, when thoughts of the sacrifices made "Over There" could not other than impart a renewed patriotic spirit, which will cause all Americans to face the future with a still greater confidence than has been shown in the past.

In spite of the weather conditions the celebration was one that will long linger in the minds of those who attended, the rites carried out by the George W. Myers post, No. 132, American Legion being of such import that none failed to grasp the full significance of the day.

At 10:30 a. m. on Thursday, and each minute thereafter until 11:00 o'clock, an aerial bomb was set off. Then at the latter hour the parade formed at the city hall under charge of Commander Reese of the local Post. The parade consisted of four platoons of the American Legion composed of the George W. Myers Post, No. 132, of Alma; the St. Louis Post, Vestaburg Post, and other visiting former service men, a camouflaged float representing a tank, the Women's Auxiliary, the Alma Masonic Band, the Salvation Army, and some hundreds of school children of the city, and last but not least members of the W. R. C., and the G. A. R. in automobiles. At the head of the parade, of course, went the Colors.

The parade marched west on Superior street to the strains of "Over There," played by the band. When the college was reached the procession marched to Davis field, where Professor Roy Hamilton of the college gave a short but stirring patriotic address on the significance of the day, which he stated not only was a day of consecration but that November 11, marked the opening of an era of achievement. The address given in his pleasing, forceful manner left a deep impression with the audience. The address was followed by the presentation of a large American flag to the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, by the Women's Relief Corps of Alma, Mrs. Alice Titus making the presentation address. Commander H. E. Reese, in behalf of the Legion Post formally accepted the gift for the Legionnaires, in a short, but impressive address.

Perhaps the most impressive and heart touching ceremony of the entire day was the presentation of Mrs. Charles Myers to the Alma Legion Post, named after her son, George W. Myers, the first of Alma's sons to give his life for his country in the Great World War. Words are feeble things with which to describe the ceremony, which went straight to the heart of every person present.

Closing the exercises at the college field, with the "Star Spangled Banner" and the benediction by Chaplain Mulvey of the Post, the parade formed and marched back to the city hall, where it was dismissed.

At noon, in the high school gymnasium, the George W. Myers Post was host to the visiting Legionnaires at a fine banquet, attended by over two hundred former service men. Following the banquet, with Jack Haggart, acting as toastmaster, toasts were responded to by Commander Reese, Major Britton, Commanders of the visiting Legion posts of St. Louis and Vestaburg, Chaplain Mulvey, Mrs. Kanter of the Women's Auxiliary and others.

At 3:00 p. m. was staged the football game between the Legion team and the Alma College eleven, which proved to be a highly interesting game, even though the crippled college aggregation and the Legionnaires both showed a lack of polish. With both teams showing about the same strength, the fray could not be other than interesting to the on-lookers. In the first quarter the collegians recovered a fumbled punt near the Legion goal, and speedily carried the ball over for the first and only touchdown of the game. The goal kick made the count even, the margin of the collegians victory. The balance of the fray saw the Legionnaires made onslaught after onslaught on the college defense in the attempt to score and tie the game. Just before time was called interference with a forward pass gave the Legion eleven the ball on the College one yard line, but before the pigskin could again be put in play time was called for the game.

In the early evening a cafeteria luncheon was served to the visiting

service men in the gymnasium of the high school, and was followed by the big military ball in the post office hall, where upwards of one hundred couples enjoyed themselves until long after midnight.

## COLLEGE LECTURES

Several Good Lectures To Be Held In College Chapel.

The first of a series of lectures to be given under the auspices of Alma College Library will occur on Friday evening, November 19, at 7:30 p. m. in the college chapel.

The lecturer, Professor Herbert Richard Cross, head of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Michigan, is a well-known authority on the history of Art. His subject is to be "American Colonial Art," a timely one at this season of the Pilgrim Tercentenary celebration when the early days of our country are being reviewed in all phases of its history. The lecture will be illustrated with stereopticon views.

On Friday evening, December 3, Professor John G. Winter, head of the Greek Department of the University of Michigan, will give an illustrated lecture on "Greek Lands and Letters." The Classical club of Alma college will share with the library in the arrangements for this lecture.

On Saturday evening, December 11, Miss Sara Alice Pollock, Dean of Alma College, will lecture on "The Colonial Period in American Literature." This lecture, at 8:15 p. m. in the College Chapel, will immediately follow the Philomathean Literary Society fair.

After the holidays, Professor F. E. West of the Chemistry Department of Alma College will give a lecture on the "Snowflake," with exquisitely beautiful screen views of these tiny forms of nature's art. And on the later date Coach Steele will speak on the "Relation of Athletics to College Life." Other lectures will follow, to be announced later.

All persons who may be interested, including the public school faculty and high school students, club members and men and women of Alma and vicinity are cordially invited to attend these lectures, to which there will be no admission.

## WILL GIVE PLAY FRIDAY

The play, "Just a Little Mistake," will be presented by the Girl Scouts of this city on Friday evening, November 19, at 8:00 o'clock, at the Republic School. The girls have been given some intensive drills during the past few weeks, under the direction of Miss Nettie Weatherhead, which indicates that the play will be well rendered. A synopsis of the play follows: Mrs. Ball goes out to find a cook, leaving her niece, Elsie, and two friends to look after the house and welcome a guest, whom Mrs. Ball's sister is sending. The cook and guest are mistaken by the girls and a big mixup follows of course.

## LOCATED IN CHICAGO

James Sublett, the 13 year old son of Leon Sublett, Cherry street, who disappeared three weeks ago Monday was located in Chicago by local officers. He will be returned to this city.

## FARM BUREAU HAS

## FINISHED DRIVE

Over Sixteen Hundred Members Secured During The Big County Campaign.

The Gratiot County Farm Bureau drive has been brought to a close except for the final cleanup in various sections of the county, and it is believed that the membership in the county will exceed 1,600. At the time of the county organization meeting at Ithaca Tuesday the membership was 1,548.

At the meeting Tuesday officers were elected for the coming year as follows: president, F. B. Himes of Tauton township; vice president, J. M. Barnhart of North Star township; executive committee: Harold Mouser of Newark township, A. A. Russell of Hamilton, William Vandenberg of Pine River, H. Bird Clark of Arcadia, William Schiff of Seville and Enos Haas of Sumner.

At the afternoon meeting of the membership in the Armory Tuesday, Dr. Eben Mumford of the Michigan Agricultural College, gave a very interesting address, in which he brought out some of the important matters connected with the Farm Bureau.

Dr. Eben Mumford of the Agricultural College, whose work is in connection with the Farm Bureau gave a very inspiring address Tuesday. He showed how the farmers were already experts in the producing line and how foolish it would be to turn a well-equipped farm business over to an inexperienced man even for the winter. When it comes to the business of buying and selling it is equally important to have it in the hands of an expert.

The counties tried through their Farm Bureaus to work out a satisfactory marketing department but could not afford to hire the number of experts necessary to make it a success.

We're open Sunday. Get your oysters and oyster crackers of us, Republic Billiard Hall.—ad.

## ONE OF ALMA'S REMARKABLE BEAUTY SPOTS



Here is a scene recently taken just to the rear of Alma's cigar-box "Union Depot," the railroad gateway into Alma, through which hundreds of visitors come, and past which are taken thousands of people in the Ann Arbor and Pere Marquette trains, that serve Alma in their slow, terribly slow, but sure fashion, getting there on time, some times.

This most charming, enticing spot is simply one of the remarkably fine

views that travelers get of Alma, when trains are waiting at the remarkably inadequate structure that is pawned off on the city as a passenger station.

It is indeed a place where one can secure a real feast with the eyes. The paper scattered in the roadway in the foreground by careless newsboys (perhaps), the piles of old discarded paper, over the embankment of the roadway, blown up against the billboard, present a very sightly

picture, as do the weeds, of almost every kind, along the embankment to the right.

Travelers who go by, need nothing more than the Union depot and its background, to form the opinion that Alma is a hustling, bustling city. It certainly must be busy—it never takes time to clean up, judging from the view that this picture offers to the traveling public.

Coming—"The Lost City"—adv.

## OPEN CAMPAIGN NEXT MONDAY

Active Re-Organization Work For Chamber of Commerce Will Start.

## PLAN FOR A CIVIC SUNDAY

Will Hold Conferences Regarding Matters of Importance To The City.

With the preliminary work looking towards the re-organization of the Alma Board of Trade into the Alma Chamber of Commerce, now completed, plans are ready for the beginning of the active work leading up to the re-organization, which will be put under way Monday under the direction of H. E. Reese, whom the directors of the board recently retained as manager.

The first week of the active work is to be given over to educational work in driving home the various functions of a chamber of commerce, which most people seem to think is simply an organization that has one ideal and aim, the securing of new industries. That this is only a very small part of the work of a real chamber of commerce is a matter that all Alma people will be familiar with within the next few weeks, as they will learn that all questions relating to the community as a whole are properly chamber of commerce matters, including civic matters, social and moral questions, etc.

On Monday the educational drive will be started, as at that time invitations and literature will be mailed to all people of the city whose names are on the prospect list, which has been compiled by a prospect committee. The names were selected by the committee because these people, over 1,000 in number, were known to have a strong interest in the welfare of the city. Because of the limited acquaintance of the committee, it is of course probable that some oversights have occurred and that some names have been left off the list that should be there. Attention is called to the fact, however, that all Alma people are urged to attend the various meetings that will be held, particularly those who have the best interests of Alma at heart.

On Tuesday a meeting of the clergymen of the city will be held in the forenoon, at which time plans for a civic Sunday will be taken up and decided upon.

Wednesday promises to be a big day in the educational movement. Questionnaires will be distributed to all students of the high school, and all students will be asked to answer the questions that appear thereon. Three questions are asked, which follow:

"What vocation do you expect to pursue as a life work?"  
"Do you intend to remain permanently in Alma? If not, why not?"  
"As a future citizen what would you suggest that the Chamber of Commerce undertake for the general improvement of Alma?"

It has been found in the various cities where this questionnaire method has been used in the public schools that it has been productive of much good, as it has given rise to highly important questions, and it is regarded as equally certain that some very interesting ideas will be brought out here.

There will also be distributed through the public schools on Wednesday, some pledge cards containing the "Oath of the Youth of

## ATHENS," made to apply as a Creed for Alma.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be a meeting at the high school for the school students on civic patriotism and it is assured that a good speaker will be present for the occasion.

On Friday evening of next week there will be a big conference on civic affairs, and the Board of Trade urges that everyone hold this evening open for the meeting. Complete announcements relative to the Friday evening meeting will be made in next week's Record.

## MARRIED MONDAY

Mrs. Mary Watson and George P. Harmon United in Marriage.

On Monday evening, Mrs. Mary Watson and George P. Harmon, both of this city, were quietly united in marriage by Rev. John A. Mulvey at the parish house of St. Mary's Catholic Church of this city. Following the ceremony a wedding luncheon was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peeler.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have been residents of this city for some little time, the former having been engaged in the automobile and truck business here for the past few years, being a distributor for Cleveland automobiles and for Republic trucks. They will reside at 112 South State street.

## HARD FOOTBALL BATTLE

## GOES TO FLINT CENTRAL

Local High Gridders Forced To Bow To Vehicle City Team 21 to 6.

Flint Central high school took a hard fought battle from Coach Mullin's Alma aggregation Saturday by a score of 21 to 6, the Flint team getting all of its points in the first half, before the local team started to demonstrate its ability.

When the second half opened Flint was forced to play a defensive game during the greater part of the time, the Orange and Black putting up such a fight that the Vehicle City eleven no longer had scoring opportunities, and was unable to keep the fighting local gridders from crossing their goal line, a brilliant broken field run by Wallace, giving Alma her touchdown in the third period. Nor was this the only time that Alma appeared dangerous, as the team on other occasions had the ball within scoring distance of the Flint goal, penalties, however, usually robbing Alma of her chance. Once, following a long penalty Alma endeavored to count by the drop kick route, but Stearns' kick went wild.

Flint scored her first touchdown in a mighty fluky manner. Outweighed nearly twenty pounds to a man, the scrappy Alma team held Flint for scraps right on the goal line, four efforts to shove the ball the final two yards failing to give her a counter. Stearns attempted to punt out from behind the goal for Alma, but the ball struck the goal post. (Continued on page five)

For Sale—Oysters and oyster crackers Sundays at the Republic Billiard Hall.—ad.

## TO OUR PATRONS

On account of Thanksgiving Day The Record will be issued Wednesday night of next week so that we may fittingly observe the day. We urge all advertisers and correspondents to get copy in early, not later than Tuesday noon, if possible.

## THINK CROSSINGS ARE DANGEROUS

Public Not Properly Safeguarded Is the View of Several Local Officials.

## CITY MAY START CAMPAIGN

Will Seek To Secure Better Protection For Residents of The City.

An active campaign is about to be started by city officials and the Alma Board of Trade looking towards the better protection of the railroad crossings of the city, some of which are believed, by members of the city commission, and others, to be dangerous to the public.

It is felt that at some of the crossings, notably the Woodworth avenue one, that there are so many obstructions that it is next to impossible to see an approaching train until it reaches the crossing, and the same condition exists at others, but to a lesser extent, in various parts of the city. While the two worst crossings, Woodworth and West Superior, are given protection by a watchman during the day, from an evening on, throughout the night they are not guarded.

Other crossings that are considered as being dangerous are given no attention by the railroad, but it is believed that some of these warrant the companies giving them some consideration as to some method to safeguard the public.

Measurements are now being taken at the various crossings to determine just how far from the tracks the various obstructions are, and these measurements are expected to give some surprising results. Photographs will also be taken of some of the crossings, and this material will later be submitted to the railroad commission in all probability.

## RECEPTION FRIDAY EVENING

A reception will be held at the First Christian church Friday evening of this week for the new pastor, Rev. J. F. Williams, who comes to the Alma church from the pastorate of the First Christian Church of Saginaw. His three years of service there was the most successful period in the history of the church in that city. As Rev. Williams has both a collegiate and university training and a liberal and successful experience in active church work, the local congregation feels itself fortunate to secure him, and will welcome the public at the reception Friday evening.

## HIT BY AUTOMOBILE

Dee Whitehead, residing on Michigan avenue, suffered from some very severe injuries late last Wednesday evening, when he was struck by an automobile on Michigan avenue, as he was returning home from lodge. He received a broken right leg, and was badly bruised about the body. He was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

## UNION THANKSGIVING

There will be a union Thanksgiving service on Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. Rev. E. E. Shouffer will preach. Everyone cordially invited to attend the union meeting.

## ATTENTION LADIES

Do not forget to attend the regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion which will be held at the City Hall Tuesday evening, November 21, at 7:30.

## TICKET SALE

Sale of Tickets for Lyceum Course To Be Made by Seniors.

It has been announced by Professor J. T. Ewing of the Alma Chautauqua-Lyceum Committee that the seniors of Alma high school have taken over the sale of tickets for the Star Lyceum course, which recently opened, and that this class will push the sale of the tickets until the entire capacity of the Strand theatre has been taken.

As one number of the course has already been held the price of the tickets for the remaining numbers of the course has been reduced from \$2.00, the cost for the course, to \$1.50 for the three good entertainments that are left.

The course this year is an unusually good one, and one that deserves a far better patronage than the first number secured. It has always been the desire of the Alma committee to bring the best possible attractions to this city, and there is little question but what the committee has been unusually successful in its efforts to give Alma a fine lyceum course this winter, one that is deserving of a fine patronage. The committee has always felt that such entertainments always aid in bringing out the finer sensibilities of the public and has been sparing no effort to give the community the best possible public spirited service that could be rendered in this respect.

Alma audiences in the past have shown themselves very appreciative of the entertainments that have been brought here, and this should prove to be the case again this year, because of the high standard of the attractions.

Those who have not yet purchased their season tickets, but who are contemplating attending any of these numbers, should purchase a season ticket, as the cost of the season ticket is far less than the cost of the individual entertainments that are given.

## COMING

Paulo Gruppe Company to Appear Here Soon.

Paulo Gruppe and assisting artists, who will appear here in recital Monday evening, November 29, on the Lyceum course constitute a genuine musical attraction.

Paulo Gruppe, the eminent violinist is one of the distinguished artists of the present day. He has had a wonderfully successful musical career in both Europe and America.

As an artist he is first of all the natural born musician, intellectually and emotionally admirably balanced, and is then the astonishing instrumentalist whose beautiful tone and clear cut technique have enabled him to give such brilliant expression to the public as an unusual concert violinist.

His many appearances have tested his popularity both with a musical public and the critical authorities. In certain characteristics of his art he can hardly be surpassed by any artist of the present age.

Paulo Gruppe will be assisted by Robert Monaghan, tenor; Camille Plasmachert, violinist, and Corey Williamson Smith, pianist.

## LEGAL TALENT TO

## BE NEEDED SOON

Another Resignation Will Go To Commission As Kress Must Quit Job.

It begins to look as though Alma was acquiring a habit of changing her appointive officials this year, having already had three city clerks during 1920, and is now facing the proposition of appointing a successor to James G. Kress, city attorney, who the first of the year becomes Judge of Probate of Gratiot county, and who of necessity must resign the city office before going to Ithaca, the county seat.

The first of Alma's appointive officials to resign this year, was Carl E. Gallagher, city clerk, who in turn was succeeded by Mrs. Wolford, upon appointment by the commission. Recently Mrs. Wolford resigned and the commission and Mayor Murphy found it necessary to select a successor for her. Francis C. Hayward was then named as city clerk, and is now acting in that capacity.

The resignation of James G. Kress as city attorney is not expected until late in December, and it is possible that the resignation will not be placed before the commission until the final meeting of the year. Then the commission will be called upon for the third time in a single year to fill a vacancy in office here.

The commission, it is understood, has not yet given thought to a possible successor to James G. Kress, when he retires from the city office, to take the county position, but its choice will be very limited, as the legal field in Alma is small, and the law trained minds number not more than the fingers of one hand.

## DIED SUNDAY NIGHT

Mrs. Hannah Marsh, aged 75 years, died at the home of her son, Frank Marsh, Moyer avenue, Sunday night. The body was shipped to Fenton, Michigan, on Monday, where the funeral was held Tuesday.

Get your oysters Sundays at the Republic Billiard Hall, upstairs.—ad.

## TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

Good Exercises To Be Held At The Presbyterian Church Sunday Evening.

## HONOR THE PILGRIM FATHERS

Mackaye's Drama, Pilgrim and the Book To Be Presented.

The celebration of the Tercentenary of the landing of the Pilgrims is to be held at the First Presbyterian Church of this city this coming Sunday evening, and is giving promise of being both interesting and inspiring.

As announced previously, the dramatic service written by the popular author, Percy Mackaye, for just such occasions, will be presented. It is entitled, "The Pilgrim and the Book."

A synopsis of the drama follows: Prelude. The opening hymn recalls the Pilgrim Fathers.

I. Bearing the Book—as his "lantern in the starless night—the Pilgrim comes from afar country seeking to found his human commonwealth on "freedom to worship God."

II. In his path he encounters One in Black (Satanas).

III. Through Satan's, he falls into bondage of the Dark Angel, Persecution.

IV. Bound and bereft of the Book he is ministered to by its spirit, Revelation.

V. Through the Old Testament, Revelation summons to his aid the Laws.

VI. The Psalms.

VII. The Prophets.

VIII. Spokesmen of these, Moses, David, Isaiah admonish, console, rouse him to free himself.

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IX. Set free by their ministrations, the Pilgrim meets in his path another Dark Angel, Fear of Death.

X. Fear of Death blindfolds him.

XI. But Revelation comes again to his cry where he lies prone beneath the black pall of Satan.

XII. Through the New Testament, Revelation summons to his aid the Shepherds.

XIII. The Disciples.

XIV. The Apostles of the Word in all ages.

XV. Spokesmen of these, the Angel of the Star, St. John, St. Paul illumine his darkness, and overcome it.

XVI. Unblinded and risen he receives back the Book from Revelation, and vows to found upon it, as on a rock, his commonwealth of man, freed now from Persecution and Fear, for the attainment of justice, freedom and brotherhood.

XVII. Leading Satan blindfolded and chained he sets forth on the mission of this "firm foundation" accompanied by the ministering spirits of the Book.

The persons and groups participating in the service are as follows: The Pilgrim, James E. Mitchell; Satan, Chester Robinson; Revelation, Miss Ruth von Thurn; Moses, J. N. Peterson; David, S. S. Pratt; Isaiah, H. S. Babcock; Angel of the star, J. T. Dasef; St. John, Roscoe Ely; St. Paul, William Amos; Spirit of the Old Testament, Clair Perrigo; Spirit of the New Testament, Donald Smith; Persecution, J. W. McKnight; Fear of Death, Jack Eckles; Laws, Miss Ritter's Class; Psalms, The Keep Tryst Class; Prophets, Messrs. Lown, Winslow, McFadden and Lyons; Shepherds, The Leaders' Class; Disciples, The Young People's Class; Apostles, C. E. Mendenhall.

The cast is being coached by Professor Roy Hamilton of Alma College.

The service Sunday evening will commence promptly at 7:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## BADLY BURNED

Woman Has Narrow Escape When Clothing Is Burned.

Mrs. John Williamson, residing on North Republic avenue, had a very narrow escape Saturday evening, when her clothing caught fire, burning her to such an extent that it was necessary to take her to a hospital for treatment.

It seems that Mrs. Williamson was putting some fresh fuel in the cook stove, and in some way, a live coal set her clothing on fire, from the waist upward. She was quickly a mass of flame, and only the presence of mind of a neighbor lad, who happened to be visiting there at the time, saved her from still worse burns.

At latest reports Mrs. Williamson is making a good recovery at the hospital, although she is still suffering considerably from the severe burns that she sustained.

Nazimova, Strand Sunday and Monday.—adv.

"Go and Get It"—Strand soon—adv.